From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa [Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov]

Sent: 4/18/2016 5:38:21 PM

To: Jenkins, Joy [Jenkins.Joy@epa.gov]

CC: Jackson, Laurianne [Jackson.Laurianne@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: Nelson Tunnel remedy

Thanks. I'll let you know if he has follow ups.

----Original Message----

From: Jenkins, Joy

Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 11:36 AM To: Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>

Cc: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov>; Jackson, Laurianne

<Jackson.Laurianne@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Nelson Tunnel remedy

Lisa

Please see below for responses to the Pueblo Chieftain Questions -- let me know you need more info.

1) Will EPA wait to issue a Feasibility Study on remedies for the tunnel until after the agency's lawsuit against Coca Mine has been resolved?

EPA response:

The Feasibility Study is a process to identify and evaluate remedy options. The Feasibility Study is being conducted by EPA. During this process, EPA identified additional data needs necessary to more fully evaluate possible source control technologies. The additional information gained will be incorporated into the evaluation of remedy options and presented in the Feasibility Study.

Does the agency still hope to consider a remedy option that involves the dewatering of the mine pool by Rio Grande Silver, should they ever move into silver mining operations?

EPA response:

All feasible remedy options are being considered at this time.

Joy Jenkins

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----Original Message----

From: Mylott, Richard

Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 9:31 AM To: Jenkins, Joy <Jenkins.Joy@epa.gov>

Cc: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Nelson Tunnel remedy

Joy, Lisa-- can you help with some email responses to Matt's questions? Deadline is 4 pm. Let me know if I can help. Thanks! Rich 720-581-8244.

----Original Message----

From: Matt Hildner [mailto:mhildner@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 9:27 AM To: Mylott, Richard < Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>

Subject: Nelson Tunnel remedy

Hi Rich,

It's been a little over a year since we spoke. My name is Matt Hildner and I cover the Creede area and the San Luis Valley for the Pueblo Chieftain. Have a couple questions below about the Nelson Tunnel remedy process. If it's more convenient to give me a call, you can reach me at 719-580-6896. Otherwise an email response is fine. If I could get a response by 4 pm, I'd appreciate it. Thanks.-- Matt

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- 2) Does the agency still hope to consider a remedy option that involves the dewatering of the mine pool by Rio Grande Silver, should they ever move into silver mining operations?

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